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To Whom It May Concern,

It1s remarkable how powerful corporate America has become. So powerful that even our own federal government will bow to their every whim.

I am, of course, referring to the latest proposed settlement between the DOJ and Microsoft. It1s nothing less than an embarrassment to the Department of Justice. Though the DOJ defends the settlement by stating it will 3eliminate Microsoft's illegal practices, prevent recurrence of the same or similar practices and restore the competitive threat,² the legal wording has too many loopholes. In addition, it does not adequately punish Microsoft for damage it has already done to the tech sector.

I still have a little faith that this matter will be resolved appropriately, and the mafia tactics Microsoft has employed for many years will not go unpunished. This situation is slowly becoming a travesty of justice . . . another black mark on the face of the judicial branch. The best solution is to make Microsoft make retribution in a fashion that they will not soon forget; be it a break up or severe penalty.

If this recent settlement passes, they will walk away from all this with a smirk on their faces . . . and no incentive whatsoever to halt any future activity which unfairly and ILLEGALLY 3bullies² competitors.

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